

What is claimed is:

1. A recording media drive apparatus comprising:
 - a body;
 - 5 signal writing means for writing a signal to a recording media and/or signal reading means for reading a signal from the recording media, provided within said body; and
 - 10 a front panel, covering the front of said body and having an insertion/removal opening for inserting and removing said recording media to and from said body, wherein
 - 15 said front panel is supported in a detachable manner as a result of engagement with said body, and
 - 20 said engagement is achieved by moving said front panel towards said body, and a force to move said front panel in a direction away from said body acts in a direction releasing said engagement.
2. The recording media drive as disclosed in claim 1, wherein
25 said engagement is achieved by mutual engagement of an engaging hole provided at one of said front panel and said body and an engaging projection provided at the remaining one of said front panel and said body, and
30 an inclined surface is formed at said engaging projection or at an edge of an opening of said engaging hole so as to cause said engaging projection or said engaging hole to move in a direction away from said engaging hole or said engaging projection as a result of applying force to cause said front panel to move in a direction away from said body.
- 30 3. The recording media drive apparatus as disclosed in claim 1, further comprising:

a slider, provided within said body, for inducing an eject motion for ejecting said recording media installed within said body from said insertion/removal opening as a result of pushing from the front, and

5 an eject button projecting forwards from said front panel fitted in a detachable manner as a result of engagement with said slider,

 wherein said engagement is achieved as a result of causing said eject button to move towards said slider, and
10 a force causing said eject button to move in a direction away from said slider acts in a direction releasing said engagement.

4. The recording media drive apparatus as disclosed in claim 3, wherein

15 said engagement is achieved by mutual engagement of an engaging hole provided at one of said eject button and said slider and an engaging projection providing at the remaining one of said eject button and said slider, and

 an inclined surface is formed at said engaging projection
20 or an edge of an opening of said engaging hole so as to cause said engaging projection or said engaging hole to move in a direction away from said engaging hole or said engaging projection as a result of applying force to cause said eject button to move in a direction away from said slider.